

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending. The Official Action objected to claims 20-34. Allowance of claims 1-34 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-34 are allowable once minor informalities regarding proper reissue format are resolved. As detailed below, Applicant believes all such informalities have been resolved by the instant response.

Original Patent

Applicant surrenders the original patent in support of this reissue application. To this end, the Applicant has enclosed the original patent herewith.

Claim Objections

The Official Action objected to claims 20-34 because they were not presented in proper reissue format. Applicant has underlined claims 20-34 in their entirety in order to place the claims in proper reissue format.

The Official Action also noted that claim 29 contained a superfluous right bracket (]). Applicant has corrected claim 29 accordingly.

Title Objections

The Official Action objected to the amended title because the amendment struck through deleted words instead of placing such words in square brackets. Applicant has

placed such deleted words in square brackets to place the amended title in proper reissue format.

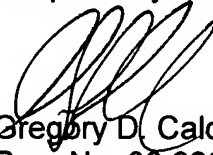
Reissue Declaration

The Official Action noted that the inventor misdated his signature. In particular, the inventor dated his signature April 5, 2003 instead of April 5, 2004. Applicant has elected to voluntarily submit another reissue declaration herewith.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account number 02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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